

University Police add three new vehicles over summer

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Students may have noticed that University Police have been leaving the scene of parking tickets in new vehicles this year. The police purchased two new Geo Trackers for Parking Management.

"We felt pretty good about it after we looked at some of the other vehicles — new and used," University Police Chief Regina Lawson said.

The two Trackers were purchased used during the summer. The cost for the two vehicles, including maintenance and the funds needed to complete the identifying marks on the vehicles, totaled under \$20,000.

Before purchasing the vehicles, the police researched different types of vehicles over a period of three years, Lawson said. They were concerned about the maneuverability and gas mileage of the possible purchases. Other types included small utility vehicles, including Suzuki Samurais.

The Trackers were chosen for their price, their quality and because several other universities in North Carolina use them, according to Lawson.

The Trackers replaced two 1973 postal jeeps. The decision to replace them was made when one failed to meet safety standards.

The other large purchase University Police made over the summer was a new University Shuttle

van. The new van holds 12 passengers, an improvement over the previous van's capacity of seven people.

According to Lawson, the higher capacity was necessary because so many more students are taking advantage of the student shuttle service. The service now runs from dusk until 1 a.m. seven days a week.

Contrary to popular myths, Lawson said that the police do not buy new vehicles and supplies with funds from parking tickets. The money comes from the University Police budget.

University Police now own two parking management vehicles, three bicycles for bike patrol officers, three marked patrol cars and three unmarked patrol cars.



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Senior Courtney Foley boards the new University Shuttle van that was purchased this summer.

Alcohol policy enforcement increases

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There are two systems that can be used to keep track of a person's alcohol.

One is a cooler system, where individuals bring their alcohol in coolers. The individual then receives numbered tickets corresponding to the number put on the coolers. To retrieve a drink, the individual must show his or her cooler number and an empty container.

The other option is a ticket system, where the process is similar, but the individual receives a ticket for each beverage deposited at the bar.

Regarding the enforcement of policy violations, Barnes said, "As long as the organization takes responsibility and care in monitoring the function, they will be in good shape. It is when they completely undermine the event and create a system that is not effective that the party will have to be shut down."

Conditions that can result in the close down of a social function are the party host not present or is consuming alcohol, underage students being served or drinking alcohol, failure to adhere to BYOB guidelines or failure to take corrective action for potential violations.

Barnes said that two reasons existed for this renewed enforcement of the policy.

First, the responsibility of party management was moved from the office of Student Life and Development to Residence Life and Housing. Second, last year an incident occurred when the Alcohol Law Enforcement agency made it a matter of public record that university groups were

not following the proper policy of managing social functions.

"With this incident, we had no choice but to intervene and improve party management on campus," Barnes said.

Barnes said that the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic were very positive and that they see room for improvement. "They also see the huge challenge and are diligently trying to create systems that are proactive. They obviously see this as a big change in enforcement and have risen to the occasion," Barnes said.

He also said that the Greek presidents and social chairpersons were more concerned with policy implementation and how to educate the partygoers.

One concern is that this policy will cause a greater number of students to go off-campus as an alternative to on-campus parties. Barnes said, "I think that is an issue the university has to look at and be fully aware of this year. Students have to be responsible and accountable for their own decisions and behavior."

"We may see some things that we don't want to see with this policy, but we cannot fashion laws in such a way because of possible consequences," he said.

Barnes said that he urges all student organizations to take a leadership role and see how the university can make this policy work for us and see things that can be proactive for the university.

To dismiss any rumors, Barnes said, "There will not be any undercover officers of any kind at the parties."

Barnes did say that on occasion, University Police will be stopping at parties to

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monitor groups and see ways for them to improve party management.

Compliance Advisers will stop by parties about three to four times a night, as they reported to have done last year. "We put more time and energy in Compliance Advisers' training, so they are able to give social chairs feedback on how well they are managing parties," Barnes said.

In three weeks there will be a meeting between all parties, both Greek and administrative, at which groups will evaluate the new system. "There is an opportunity to re-adjust and find other alternatives of what is already in place," Barnes said.

Barnes urged that any members of the university community with questions or concerns are free to stop by his office and discuss them.

"I have tried to have all groups see the rationale behind the policy and how it can help in the long run to effectively manage parties. These are guidelines that organizations were commissioned to follow and the community needs to support them and the policy. Hopefully we can learn from each other and follow the procedures in place," he said.



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Loathing long lines

The Benson food court has been plagued with long lines at lunch time, such as this one at the Grill.

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Last night I was really hungry for some Ben & Jerry's, but wasn't sure if the section of the food court that handles the ice cream would be open. What are the exact hours of the food court?
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"The whole food court is open from 7:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, and the food court is open from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday and Sunday," said Scott Davis, the location manager for ARAMARK.

Davis said that Taco Bell and the deli are both open from 10:30 a.m.

to 11 p.m. Freshens opens at 7:30 a.m., but mainly serves just bagels until 11 a.m. It also closes at 11 p.m. The grill is open from 7:30 a.m. to midnight.

Shorty's is open from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. on weekdays and from 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. on weekends. Last call every night is at 12:30 a.m.

As for Ben & Jerry's, Davis said that all of the prepackaged food (chips, bananas and, yes, ice cream) are on sale until the food court closes at midnight.

Pizza Hut, located in Benson, though not part of the food court,

remains open until midnight.

Why are students not allowed to walk on the Quad, when it's the only nice grass around? TH

According to the university's Student Handbook, "Any activity which destroys or defaces property or grounds, at the University or elsewhere, is prohibited. This includes walking on or engaging in sports on the grass of the Plaza (Quad)."

Kevin Cox, the director of media relations, however, said that he had no knowledge of such a rule. "I've never seen it," he said.

Comparison of prices demonstrates Sundry drinks are more expensive

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from a distributor. The gross margin or mark-up on a one-liter Aquafina is about \$1.07 of its \$1.79 price.

Regarding the pricing of orange juice, Bellefeuil said, "Now there is not a lot of labor involved in orange juice, but we do have labor factors and other costs."

According to Bellefeuil, the Benson University Center has about 50 employees, the Pit about 100 workers and the Sundry Shop about five employees.

The Sundry Shop's annual revenue is approximately \$900,000.

Bellefeuil said that ARAMARK's nationwide convenience store revenue was in the "mid-thirty million dollar range annually."

Despite Sundry's and ARAMARK's seemingly large annual revenues, Bellefeuil said, "Convenience store businesses have substantially better contracts set up with (the distributors)."

Bellefeuil said he has talked with Pepsi sales representatives regarding ARAMARK's purchasing costs of Ocean Spray beverages, which is distributed by Pepsi.

He said that he also has made personal compari-

sons between off-campus prices and those of ARAMARK. "I did check quart milk; at two places I checked we were comparable (in prices)," Bellefeuil said.

He also said, "Convenience stores are not my area of specialty. I've got some homework to do."

As incoming ARAMARK director, Bellefeuil has made some significant changes already in the Pit. Ocean Spray drinks, Aquafina and Lipton Iced Tea drinks have been removed from the Pit.

"We have taken that out of the Pit because of the situation with athletics and how athletics is situated," Bellefeuil said.

The university pays a flat board fee for athletes who must then dine at the Pit. Bellefeuil said, "We had a lot of the athletes, not abusing it, but taking advantage of it more than what the normal day-to-day student was doing."

"It's not just the athletes who are missing out, but the whole student population is missing out," said junior Clinton Wilburn, a football player. "It's not like we have wiped out all the drinks."

Wilburn and other athletes were limited to two bottled drinks each trip. According to Wilburn, the rule was strictly enforced.

Parking spaces remain a problem

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The number of additional spaces that will be provided by the new Polo Residence Hall lot has not yet been determined.

Furthermore, problems may arise for faculty and staff when Lot K, the area between Carswell and Calloway halls, is closed for building construction in the near future.

"Actual construction will not take place until February, but the foundation will be started shortly," Lawson said.

Currently, all on-campus residents who wish to have a car and park it on campus must obtain a resident student pass, and commuting students must have a separate commuting student pass.

Students who reside in the satellite houses adjacent to North Residence Hall, 1210 Polo Road and 109-111 Rosedale Circle, are considered resident students.

There is an extra option available for these students at no cost.

However, students who live at 1115-1145 Polo Road are treated as commuters.

There is an extra option available for these students at no cost. They are able to obtain an Off-Campus Satellite parking permit, which allows them to park at the First Assembly of God or at Reynolda Village.

These students can park on campus from 5 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. the following day and on 5 p.m. on Friday until 7:30 a.m. on Sunday. Their decals have a special OCS prefix.

"We have a reciprocal agreement with the Village and the First Assembly that our students can park there. In turn, Lot T, rarely used on weekends, can be used by the Village on weekends, and Lot Q by the First Assembly," Lawson said.

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